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PATENT APPLICATION

Boasq 1633 WD

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TETSUYOSHI ISHIWATA et al.)
Application No.: 09/090,672)
Filed: June 4, 1998)
For: IgA NEPHROPATHY-RELATED)
GENES : March 3, 2000

Examiner: Kris Pelham Mayo

Group Art Unit: 1633

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated February 15, 2000 (Paper No. 8) in the above-identified application, as follows.

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions of:

Group I (Claims 1-5, 7, 10-13, 18 and 19), drawn to nucleic acids, method of using nucleic acids for detecting mRNA of an IgA nephropathy-related gene, an IgA nephropathy-related gene, an IgA nephropathy diagnostic agent, an IgA nephropathy therapeutic agent, vector, host cell, transformant, and method

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